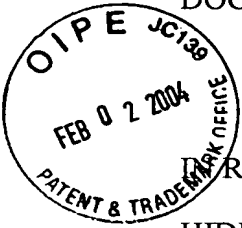


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Responsive to the Quayle Action of January 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and passage of the above-identified application to issue.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 4 of this paper and includes two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.